

# News from your National Weather Service and Gooding County Emergency Management

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## **THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND A SEVERE WEATHER TRAINING WORKSHOP IN GOODING COUNTY**

**When:** 5:30 pm Monday, May 22

**Where:** Planning & Zoning Office Mtg Rm at 145 7th Avenue East, in Gooding, ID

The community is invited to attend a Severe Weather Spotter Training Workshop co-sponsored by Gooding County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service (NWS). The training session is slated for Monday, May 22 in the Planning and Zoning Office Meeting Room in Gooding, Idaho at 145 7th Avenue East in Gooding County. The session will begin at 5:30 pm and will last about an hour.

**Everyone is invited.** If you are a current weather spotter, firefighter, law enforcement specialist, land management employee, emergency services technician, transportation operator, outdoor recreationalist, or just purely a weather enthusiast, this training workshop is for you.

Training will include definitions and climatology of severe weather, training on cloud and storm recognition, storm hazards and safety tips, and weather reporting procedures.

Across Southwest Idaho, over 100 volunteer weather spotters and cooperative observers provide valuable weather information which is fundamental in helping the NWS protect lives and property. Forecasts are often based on observer data, and even warnings for severe weather have been issued based on information received from trained volunteer spotters, cooperative observers and/or relayed by a HAM operator.

For more information about the NWS spotter program, please see our local office Web page at <http://www.weather.gov/boise/> or our national severe weather awareness Web page at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/index.shtml>.

Please bring a friend, relative or other interested weather enthusiasts. We look forward to seeing you at the training session. If you have questions, please call Jay Briedenbach (NOAA/NWS) at (208) 334-9860 or Missy Shurtz, Gooding County Office of Emergency Management (208) 731-9682.